

Charge Ex-U.S. Agent Knew of Early JFK Plot

Three lawyers, including a New Orleans assistant district attorney, have charged that a agent, now an inmate at the Federal Medical Center in Springfield, Mo., was aware of an attempt to kill President John F. Kennedy before his assassination.

The lawyers, representing Abraham W. Bolden, 32, further charge that their client told them he was sent to prison after being refused permission to tell the Warren Commission about the information he claims to have.

The statements were made at a news conference yesterday at Springfield, Mo., by his lawyer, John Hosmer; New Orleans Asst. DA Richard Burnes, and Mark Lane, a lawyer known primarily for his books critical of the Warren Report.

HOSMER SAID he called Burnes and Lane into the case.

Bolden, who was the first Negro named to the Secret Service's White House detail, was not in Dallas when Kennedy was shot and killed Nov. 22, 1963. However, the attorneys said Bolden told them that he and other agents had been informed that an attempt on Kennedy's life would be made on a planned visit to Chicago. The President's appearance was cancelled, Lane said, out of fear for his safety.

The attorney's said Bolden said that he and other agents even shadowed one suspect in Chicago as a result of the report.

Bolden was sentenced in Chicago two years ago to six years imprisonment for conspiring to sell official information in a counterfeiting case.

HOSMER CONTENTS that when Bolden asked to testify before the Warren Commission he was arrested and convicted in the counterfeiting case on perjured testimony.

Lane charged yesterday that one of the names of possible assassins in Chicago was the name of a man being sought by Garrison in his probe of the Kennedy assassination. He refused to identify the man.

Officials at the federal medical center said Bolden was not a patient but that he had been transferred there last year from the federal prison at Terre Haute, Ind., to help with the maintenance of the hospital.

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